House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational programs that admirably help students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Knob Noster Middle School in the Knob Noster R-VIII School District of Johnson County, Missouri, sponsors a Critical Thinking program whose eighth-grade team was ranked 17th out of ninety-one teams at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, which took place in Knoxville, Tennessee, between May 22 and May 27, 2007; and

Whereas, the nationally ranked Knob Noster eighth-grade Critical Thinking team was composed of students Harrison Bron, Kendall Jackson, Tim Madison, and Hayden Simmons and sponsor Wilma Kinder; and

Whereas, prior to qualifying for the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals, the Knob Noster eighth-grade Critical Thinking team placed First with a perfect score at the Regional Destination ImagiNation competition in Kansas City, where the members also earned a perfect score on an Instant Challenge problem and received the Renaissance Award that recognizes extraordinary effort and preparation involved in a solution to the event's given problem or outstanding skill in engineering, design, or performance at the competition; and

Whereas, at the state-level Destination ImagiNation competition in Joplin, the eighth graders again took First Place and were given another Renaissance Award; and

Whereas, the eighth-grade Critical Thinking team from Knob Noster was presented at the state competition with the mind-bending challenge to take thirty minutes in which to choose three countries other than their own and a tradition that exemplifies those countries; select three of the five senses, a situation, and an improvisation technique; and utilize cardboard, cloth, tape, and paper in order to create a six-minute-long skit illustrating their solution:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Critical Thinking program at Knob Noster Middle School and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for their impressive success at Destination ImagiNation competitive events during the 2006-2007 school year; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the 8th grade Critical Thinking Team at Knob Noster Middle School in the Knob Noster R-VIII School District.

Offered by
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No, adopted, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker